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SUBJECT: SALE OF BOEING CHINOOK HELICOPTERS IN CAMEROON

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1. EXIMBANK FINANCING FOR CHINOOK CONTINGENT UPON ASSURANCES THAT END USE WOULD BE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. SUCH ASSURANCES WILL BE BASED PARTLY ON EMBASSY JUDGEMENT, BUT MIGHT ALSO BE INCORPORATED INTO WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GURC AND EXIMBANK. ACCORDING TO EXIMBANK THERE IS NO PRECEDENT REGARDING CHINOOK, WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY CONSIDERED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND REQUEST FOR FINANCING WOULD TRIGGER IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION OF CASE BY EXIMBANK LAWYERS.

2. EXIMBANK SOURCE STATES INFORMALLY THAT AIR FORCE CONTROL OF HELICOPTERS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PRECLUDE EXIMBANK FINANCING. IN PAST, FOR EXAMPLE, EXIMBANK HAS PARTICIPATED IN FINANCING OF MILITARY-TYPE 2 1/2 TON CARGO

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TRUCKS, DESTINED FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES BUT PLACED UNDER

CONTROL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION UNITS. KISSINGER

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